

Over the last few years we have witnessed the FCC give more power to corporate media concerns at the expense of the public. Sinclair Broadcasting Group now underscores the danger posed to a democracy when free speech and the public air waves are in the control of monopolies. When one company is allowed to completely control what 24% of citizens have the ability to view and hear in their homes.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.